[Mr. N. Ramakrishna Pillai.]

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer to question No. 114. The medical inspection of the cells occupied by under-trial prisoners has already been ordered (G. O. D. Dis. No. 1903 of 23/Judicial, dated the 6th July, 1923).

Fees in Vernacular Higher Grade Training Schools.

98. MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): (*a*) What is the rate of fee fixed for the students undergoing training in the Vernacular Higher Grade Training Schools of the State?

(*b*) Is it true that a lower rate of fee was being collected from the students of the Vernacular Higher Grade Training School at Changanachery and Nagercoil, while a higher rate was being collected from the students of the Kottarakara Training School?

(*c*) If so, was it done for any special reasons?

(*d*) For how many years was the lower rate of fee being collected?

(*e*) What is the amount of loss incurred on this account?

(*f*) If there is loss, who are the officers responsible for the same?

(*g*) Was any action taken by the Government or the educational authorities in this matter, and, if so, with what result?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The member is referred to Rule 185 (*b*) of the Education Code.

(*b*) A lower rate of fee is reported to have been collected from the students of the Vernacular Higher Grade Training School, Changanachery, the rate of fee collected from the students of the other two Training Schools being the rate specified in Rule 185 (*b*) of the Education Code.

(*c*) By mistake.

(*d*) About two years.

(*e*) Rs. 540.

(*f*) The inspecting officers of the vernacular branch of the Department.

(*g*) The matter is under enquiry.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state by whose mistake the lower rate of fee was collected?

PRESIDENT: You have the answer in (*f*).

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is in (*f*). The mistake is on the part of the inspecting officers of the vernacular branch of the department.

Cartable road from Kadutturutti to Piravam.

99. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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(*a*) whether they have received any petition from the inhabitants of Mulakkulam in the Vaikam taluk praying for the opening of a cartable road from Kadutturutti to Piravam;

(*b*) whether the Public Works Department has surveyed the line from Kadutturutti to Piravam more than once, and, if so, in which years;

(*c*) whether any plan or estimate for the work has been submitted to the Government; and

(*d*) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the fact that there are no roads connecting Mulakkulam with the adjoining villages and that the Kadutturutti-Piravam road, if opened, will be the shortest road from Muvattupuzha, Todupuzha and the neighbourhood, to Vaikam and adjacent places?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The line from Kadutturutti to Piravam and thence to Peppatippara on the Cochin frontier was taken up as one road and investigated during 1096 and 1097. Of this, the section from Piravam to Peppatippara has been estimated and funds provided for executing the work in the budget for 1099. The other section from Piravam to Kadutturutti has been surveyed and traced and the estimate is under preparation.

(*c*) The member is referred to the answer to part (*b*).

(*d*) Yes.

Discontinuance of Grant to the Velliapalli Vernacular School.

100. MR. J. JOHN NIDIRY (*Changanachery cum Minachil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) why the grant for the Velliapalli St. Thomas Vernacular School in the Minachil *pakuthi* was stopped;

(*b*) whether the people of the locality have not constructed a *pucca* building costing about Rs. 2,000 as per plan approved by the Government;

(*c*) whether the Government have not promised to give a grant to the institution and continue to pay the same for sometime;

(*d*) whether they have given any building grant to the said school; and

(*e*) whether the Government would be pleased to take early steps to disburse the grant with arrears?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The grant was held in abeyance pending enquiry into certain alleged irregularities.

(*b*) The people have constructed a building, but not as per approved plan, nor is its cost known to the Education Department.

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